

REMARKS

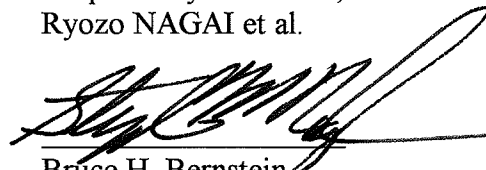
In the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to correct the *Listing of Claims* submitted in the response of July 8, 2008. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, 14, and 15 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner replace and consider the currently submitted Listing of Claims for the listing submitted July 8, 2008 and consider the remarks presented on July 8, 2008, which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein. It is respectfully submitted that the remarks are even more applicable in view of the foregoing listing of claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition of allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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